

RENTON CITY COUNCIL
Regular Meeting

February 8, 1999
Monday, 7:30 p.m.

Council Chambers
Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

**ROLL CALL OF
COUNCILMEMBERS**

KING PARKER, Council President; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN; TONI NELSON; BOB EDWARDS; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON.

**CITY STAFF IN
ATTENDANCE**

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; LARRY WARREN, City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; JIM SHEPHERD, Community Services Administrator; MICHAEL KATTERMANN, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning; LYS HORNSBY, Utility Systems Director; CLARK PETERSEN, Library Director; LESLIE BETLACH, Parks Director; NEIL WATTS, Plan Review Supervisor; DEREK TODD, Finance Analyst; COMMANDER DENNIS GERBER, Police Department.

**APPROVAL OF
COUNCIL MINUTES**

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 1, 1999 AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION
Parks: 1998 Employee
Recognitions

Jim Shepherd, Community Services Administrator, announced that the following employees and teams in the Community Services Department were recognized for outstanding service last year:

Employee of the First Quarter: Linda Chanik (Downtown Library)

Team of the First Quarter: Renton Community Center's Administrative Team – Susie Bressan, Lisa McMartin and Bobbi Coffin-Parker

Employee of the Second Quarter: Barbara Pozner (Downtown Library)

Team of the Second Quarter: Highlands Library Team – Vera Bach and Maureen Larson

Employee of the Third Quarter: Larry Sleeth, Building Maintenance Manager

Team of the Third Quarter: Facilities Relocation Team – Pete Adams, Mark Baldrige, Brandy Bateman, Kevin Bradley, Bonita Butenko, Nicholas Clapp, Warner Curl, Daniel Eagan, Carl Faline, Traci Hall, Kayana Harrison, Guong Huynh, Sam Kamphaus, Betty Kirkland, James Leathley, Dennis Murdoch, Kari Nirschl, Paula Nirschl, Michael Nolan, Norman Owley, Casey Pearson, Lester Roberts, Rebecca Shaw, Johnny So, Linda Sencer, Greg Stroh, Gerry Williams, and Paul Youngedyk

Team of the Fourth Quarter: Parks Maintenance Team – Jeff Nasset and John Slaney

Mr. Shepherd also announced that Larry Sleeth was chosen as the 1998 Employee of the Year for his exemplary work in facilitating the move of employees from the former City Hall to their new location, and also for overseeing an excellent response to the Highlands Community Center's arson incident.

**ADMINISTRATIVE
REPORT**

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs

adopted as part of its business plan for 1999 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The South 180th Railroad Grade Separation project will be the subject of a public house on Thursday, February 18th from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Tukwila's city hall.
- * The Recreation Division hosted a preschool information night on February 2nd, with over two hundred people attending.

AUDIENCE COMMENT

Citizen Comment: Brosman
–Planning Commission
Appointment

Larry Brosman, 3625 NE 9th St., Renton, 98056, expressed appreciation for his recommended reappointment to the Planning Commission (see later this page). Mr. Brosman said this was an exciting time to serve in this capacity for the City, which is experimenting with new types of mixed-use housing to promote partnerships between the residential and business communities.

Citizen Comment: McGann –
City View Plat Runoff
Problems (NW 2nd St.)

Sandee McGann, 304 NW 2nd St., Renton, 98055, described problems she and several of her neighbors are experiencing with water runoff from the City View Estates plat, located on the hill above their homes. Saying that this area used to be a nice place to live, but has now been degraded into a muddy eyesore, she added that the situation is especially dangerous in cold weather when the water freezes on the road and in people's driveways. Although residents have complained to the City, not enough has been done. Ms. McGann concluded that if it is too late to help her and her neighbors, the City should still look at these types of issues in the future so other residents are not subjected to the same misfortune.

Mayor Tanner pledged to personally check out this site on behalf of the affected residents.

Councilman Bob Edwards noted that written information provided to the Council on this subject (see page 48) includes a memo from the City's Code Compliance Officer Bob Arthur. Staff has documented violations by the developer and reports the penalties he will incur as a result, as well as specific requirements he will have to meet. Saying that some developers simply don't adhere to regulations, Mr. Edwards suggested that the City might want to consider requiring more stringent review and monitoring of those who have records of prior development regulations.

Council President Parker asked that the Administration strictly enforce the City's regulations for this plat, particularly as they apply to any deadlines given to the developer. Mayor Tanner stated that the developer has clearly engaged in illegal practices, and will be required to remediate them to the extent possible.

Responding to Council comments, Council President Parker explained that the Administration is developing a program whereby the City's land use inspectors will work more closely with police to better address these types of situations in the future. (See page 48 for additional correspondence on this matter.)

Citizen Comment: Helgeson –
City View Plat Runoff
Problems (NW 2nd St.)

Dave Helgeson, 8805 S. 132nd St., Renton, 98055, introduced himself as one of the residents affected by water runoff from the City View plat and thanked the City for its attention to this matter.

CONSENT AGENDA

Appointment: Planning
Commission

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing.

Mayor Tanner reappointed Larry Brosman, 3625 NE 9th St., Renton, 98056, to the Planning Commission for a three-year term expiring 1/31/2002. Council concur.

Annexation: Davis, 132nd Ave SE (Union Ave NE)

Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Department recommended that a public hearing be set for February 22, 1999, on the 60% Petition to Annex for the Davis Annexation, 3.8 acres located east of 132nd Ave. SE (Union Ave. NE), and the proposed zoning. Council concur.

Plat: Stafford Crest Division 2, Preliminary, NE 36th & 112th Ave SE (PP-98-117)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval, with conditions, of the Stafford Crest Division 2 preliminary plat; 52 parcels on 10.3 acres located south of NE 36th St. and west of 112th Pl. SE (PP-98-117). Council concur.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

CORRESPONDENCE

Citizen Comment: Various Residents – City View Plat Runoff Problems (NW 2nd St.)

Correspondence was entered into the record from the following residents living near the City View Estates preliminary plat, located at Stevens Ave. NW and NW 2nd Place: Sandee McGann 304 NW 2nd St.; Dave & Cheri Helgeson, 8805 S. 132nd St.; Mehrdad & Elaine Shirazi, 17824 - 118th Ave. SE, Renton (owners of parcels in the 200 block of NW 2nd St.); Denny & Julie Hamilton, 13213 - 87th Pl. S.; and Edward & Nancy Melcher, 8801 S. 132nd St. The letters requested that the City address violations relating to the plat's inadequate drainage, which has negatively impacted their properties.

Additional correspondence was read from Bob Arthur, the City's Land Use Compliance Inspector, describing Code violations on this property relating to illegal clearing and grading, and failure to make provisions for the retention of on-site water. The letter further stated that the developer is being issued two civil infraction citations and will have to submit a temporary erosion control plan to the City by February 10, 1999.

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS MATTER TO THE ADMINISTRATION. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Dokeen – Gambling Establishments

Correspondence was read from Paul Dokeen, 13010 SE 159th St., Renton, 98058, expressing concern about gambling establishments and the negative effect that gambling can have on people. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment: Vukov – Gambling Establishments & Proposed Tax Increase

Correspondence was read from John P. Vukov, 149 Park Ave. N. #1, Renton, 98055, expressing disagreement with the Mayor's proposal to double the tax on card room revenues, which he felt would be unfair to well-managed, successful businesses which pay taxes and bring people to Renton. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS CORRESPONDENCE TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Committee of the Whole

EDNSP: Old City Hall Real Estates (Leasing) Services

Council President Parker presented a Committee of the Whole report recommending that Council authorize the Administration to contract with Craig Kinzer & Co. and Pacific Rim Real Estate to provide exclusive representation for the leasing of the former city hall, police annex and excess space in the new City Hall. Included in the contract may also be the disposition of the portable building that formerly housed the municipal courts.

The Committee further recommended that Council approve, in concept, the marketing of the former city hall to high tech and Internet companies. The Administration will evaluate the building and make recommendations to the Council about repairs and improvements necessary to the building to support

these types of businesses before leasing activity begins.

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED.

Public Safety Committee

Police: Jail Inmate Health Services, Occupational Health Services

Public Safety Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report recommending approval of an agreement with Occupational Health Services to provide health services to Renton jail inmates at a cost of \$102,700 under a one-year contract effective April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 51 for resolution.)

Police: Jail Services from Okanogan County

Public Safety Committee Chair Schlitzer presented a report recommending approval of an agreement with Okanogan County for jail services since Okanogan County can house prisoners less expensively than at the King County jail. This agreement will be effective as of August 1, 1998, and will remain in effect until cancelled by either party. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 50 for resolution.)

Transportation Committee

Transportation: Eastside Transportation Partnership Mobility Action Priorities

Transportation Committee Chair Corman presented a report recommending that Council adopt the resolution which accepts the Eastside Transportation Partnership Mobility Action Priorities report. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 50 for resolution.)

Transportation: Commute Trip Reduction Services from King County

Transportation Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding an agreement with King County (Metro) for Commute Trip Reduction (CTR) services. This agreement arranges for King County to continue providing CTR program development, implementation, and support services to employers in Renton who fall under the definition of "Affected Employer" as defined in the City's CTR ordinance. The expenditures resulting from this agreement (\$47,459) are fully funded through grant money received from the State for city-wide CTR implementation. The Committee therefore recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and City Clerk to execute the CTR services agreement with King County. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 50 for resolution.)

Transportation: Renton Employees Transit Incentive Program (FlexPass)

Transportation Committee Chair Corman presented a report regarding a transportation incentives program for City of Renton employees. Two related agreements arrange for the City to replace its existing employee transit subsidy program with the FlexPass program offered by King County. FlexPass is a program whereby all regular City employees receive a Metro bus pass for their use in commuting. The City reimburses King County based on actual employee ridership. Additionally, the City has been awarded up to \$7,500 in grant funding to implement the FlexPass program for the current year.

The Transportation Committee recommended that Council take the following actions:

1. Approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation to receive up to \$7,500 in grant funds to implement a FlexPass program for City employees; and
2. Approve the resolution authorizing the Mayor to contract with King County

Transit Division (Metro) to implement the FlexPass program for all regular City employees on a one-year trial basis.

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 50 for resolutions.)

Utilities Committee

Public Works: Water Line
Chlorination Fee Change

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to collect the water line chlorination fee up-front rather than the current time and materials fee. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See page 51 for ordinance.)

Utility: Cedar River Water &
Sewer District, Agreement re:
Service Boundaries

Utilities Committee Chair Clawson presented a report recommending concurrence in the staff recommendation to approve an interlocal agreement with the Cedar River Water and Sewer District describing our common water and sewer service boundaries. The Committee further recommended that the resolution regarding this matter be presented for reading and adoption. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL CONCUR IN THE COMMITTEE REPORT. CARRIED. (See later this page for resolution.)

Councilman Schiltzer commented that since the subject of water distribution can be a highly volatile issue, Renton is fortunate to share boundaries with cooperative-minded jurisdictions such as the Cedar River Water and Sewer District.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #3371

Utility: Cedar River Water &
Sewer District, Agreement re:
Service Boundaries

The following resolutions were presented for reading and adoption:

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Cedar River Water and Sewer District relating to the establishment of service boundaries. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Walt Kanter of the Cedar River Water and Sewer District was on hand to publicly sign the agreement and thank both his own associates and staff, as well as Renton's officials and staff, for their exemplary work on this matter.

Resolution #3372

Police: Jail Services from
Okanogan County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign a letter of agreement with the Okanogan County Sheriff's Office for jail services. MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3373

Transportation: Eastside
Transportation Partnership
Mobility Action Priorities

A resolution was read approving the Eastside Transportation Partnership Mobility Action Priorities. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3374

Transportation: Renton
Employees Transit Incentive
Program (FlexPass)

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal agreement with the Washington State Department of Transportation regarding the Renton City Hall FlexPass Program. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3375

Transportation: Renton
Employees Transit Incentive
Program (FlexPass)

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with King County for the sale of FlexPasses to City of Renton employees by King County. MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS

PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3376

Transportation: Commute Trip
Reduction Services from King
County

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to enter into an interlocal cooperative agreement with King County entitled "Commute Trip Reduction Act Implementation Agreement." MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

Resolution #3377

Police: Jail Inmate Health
Services, Occupational Health
Service

A resolution was read authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to sign an agreement with Occupational Health Services, associated with Valley Medical Center, for the provision of health services to the City jail. MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL ADOPT THE RESOLUTION AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 2/22/99 for second and final reading:

Public Works: Water Line
Chlorination Fee Change

An ordinance was read amending Section 8-4-6 of Chapter 4, Water, of Title VIII (Health and Sanitation) of City Code by revising the fee for service for chlorination of new water lines. MOVED BY CLAWSON, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/22/99. CARRIED.

Vacation: Kirkland Pl NE,
Keller/Abrahamson (VAC-98-
007)

An ordinance was read vacating a portion of the east 18 feet of the 2000 block of Kirkland Pl. NE (Keller/Abrahamson, VAC-97-007). MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY EDWARDS, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 2/22/99. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:32 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk